



# Broiler Hatchery

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## **Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 3 Percent**

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 224 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 6, 2017, up 3 percent from a year ago. Hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 214 million eggs in incubators during the week ending May 6, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Up 2 Percent**

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 181 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 6, 2017, up 2 percent from a year ago. Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 174 million chicks for meat production during the week ending May 6, 2017, up 2 percent from the year earlier. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2017 through May 6, 2017 for the United States were 3.24 billion. Cumulative placements were up 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler-Type Eggs Set – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017

State	Week ending					
	April 1, 2017	April 8, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 22, 2017	April 29, 2017	May 6, 2017
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama .....	29,801	29,617	29,810	29,643	29,601	29,617
Arkansas .....	23,929	24,261	23,065	23,285	23,322	23,713
Delaware .....	4,839	4,872	4,861	4,887	4,980	4,825
Florida .....	1,180	1,210	1,223	1,223	1,223	1,224
Georgia .....	34,451	34,218	34,151	34,679	33,924	34,510
Kentucky .....	7,802	7,514	7,342	7,391	7,310	7,215
Louisiana .....	3,788	3,727	3,743	3,727	3,530	3,637
Maryland .....	8,224	8,215	8,255	8,252	8,261	8,225
Mississippi .....	17,891	18,031	17,822	18,003	18,154	18,303
Missouri .....	8,127	8,123	8,172	8,166	7,879	7,916
North Carolina .....	22,101	22,157	21,771	22,022	21,926	22,178
Oklahoma .....	7,440	7,295	7,003	7,307	7,535	7,511
Pennsylvania .....	4,359	4,850	4,836	4,592	4,698	4,692
South Carolina .....	5,575	5,639	5,655	5,732	5,681	5,708
Texas .....	15,818	15,783	15,612	15,972	15,939	16,006
Virginia .....	6,557	6,557	6,557	6,573	6,660	6,557
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	12,298	12,165	12,688	12,080	12,524	12,199
19 State total .....	214,180	214,234	212,566	213,534	213,147	214,036
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	102	102	103	102
Other States .....	8,898	8,812	9,212	9,278	9,436	9,508
United States .....	223,078	223,046	221,778	222,812	222,583	223,544
Percent of previous year .....	103	103	103	102	103	103

## Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – 19 Selected States and United States: 2017

State	Week ending					
	April 1, 2017	April 8, 2017	April 15, 2017	April 22, 2017	April 29, 2017	May 6, 2017
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama .....	21,610	21,877	21,594	22,427	21,713	22,386
Arkansas .....	22,871	23,540	21,834	22,587	21,886	20,820
Delaware .....	5,123	5,312	5,323	5,715	6,223	6,467
Florida .....	1,158	1,111	1,180	1,391	1,429	1,190
Georgia .....	27,769	27,715	27,658	26,422	27,220	27,229
Kentucky .....	5,895	5,879	6,194	6,166	6,118	6,433
Louisiana .....	3,277	3,329	3,028	3,320	3,267	3,273
Maryland .....	6,527	6,438	5,701	6,200	5,433	5,150
Mississippi .....	15,270	15,317	15,230	15,271	15,399	14,880
Missouri .....	6,365	5,105	6,378	5,336	5,646	5,342
North Carolina .....	16,828	15,956	16,871	17,200	17,428	17,660
Oklahoma .....	3,443	2,994	3,750	4,354	4,938	5,143
Pennsylvania .....	3,838	3,763	3,726	3,464	3,766	3,749
South Carolina .....	4,576	6,085	5,206	5,264	4,734	4,502
Texas .....	13,185	13,172	13,058	13,036	13,180	12,950
Virginia .....	5,727	5,671	5,979	5,533	5,441	5,780
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia .....	11,001	10,857	10,071	10,596	11,072	10,584
19 State total .....	174,463	174,121	172,781	174,282	174,893	173,538
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	102	102	102	102
Other States .....	6,889	7,393	7,277	7,171	6,811	7,018
United States .....	181,352	181,514	180,058	181,453	181,704	180,556
Percent of previous year .....	101	101	102	102	102	102

Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

**Estimating Procedures:** All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness. Individual hatchery data are summed to State, 19 State total, Other States, and the United States.

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